

REMARKS

Claims 30-43 and 58-69 are currently pending. By this Amendment, claims 38, 41-43, 60-62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 71, and 75 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 30-37, 39-40, 58-59, 63, 69-70, 72-74, and 76-77 are at issue. All of the amendments herein represent rewriting dependent claims into independent form, and thus, no new matter has been added by the present Amendment.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 72-72 were allowable. Additionally, in paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 39, 40, 42, 59, 64, 68, and 75-77 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgment of patentable subject matter. As described below, Applicant has rewritten claims 64, 68, and 75-77 into independent form, and all currently pending claims correspond to subject matter that the Examiner has identified as patentable.

The status of all pending claims are described below.

A. Claims 30-37, 39-40, and 58-59

Claim 30 has been amended to include the elements of claim 75, as well as the elements of intervening claim 38, which the Examiner stated would be patentable. Claims 31-37 and 39-40, and 58-59 depend from allowable claim 30. Accordingly, claims 30-37, 39-40, and 58-59 are patentable.

B. Claim 63

Claim 63 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, which the Examiner stated would be patentable. Accordingly, claim 63 is patentable.

C. Claims 69-70

Claim 69 has been amended to include the elements of claim 68, which the Examiner stated would be patentable. Claim 70 depends from allowable claim 69. Accordingly, claims 69-70 are patentable.

D. Claims 72-74

The Examiner stated that claims 72-74 are allowable, and claims 72-72 have not been amended.

E. Claim 76

Claim 76 has been rewritten into independent form, including the elements of independent claim 30 and intervening claim 41, which the Examiner stated would make claim 76 patentable. Accordingly, claim 76 is patentable.

F. Claim 77

Claim 77 has been rewritten into independent form, including the elements of independent claim 30 and intervening claim 43, which the Examiner stated would make claim 76 patentable. Accordingly, claim 77 is patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and objections, and allowance of claims 30-37, 39-40, 58-59, 63, 69-70, 72-74, and 76-77 in the present Application. Applicant submits that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early notice of the same.

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